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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 06-020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH (MSB) REVISED COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING THE MARCH 1, 2006, STATUTORY DEADLINE.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough joined the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) in 1984 and adopted its coastal management plan; and

WHEREAS, Point MacKenzie was identified as an Area Meriting Special Attention (AMSA) and a separate AMSA plan was adopted in 1993 as an amendment to the overall MSB plan; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature passed House Bill 191 in 2003 which significantly amended the Alaska Coastal Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's existing Coastal Management Plan no longer conforms to the new State requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Coastal Management Plan is being amended in accordance with the revised Alaska Coastal Management Program statutes at Alaska Statute 46.39 and Alaska Statute 46.40 and the new ACMP regulations at 11 Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 110, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114; and

WHEREAS, if approved, this plan will guide the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's participation in the ACMP, a voluntary State

program for the cooperative management of uses and activities in coastal zone; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's existing Coastal Management Plan no longer conforms to the new State requirements, as coastal management plan policies regarding development and access are now limited to coastal water (salt water); and

WHEREAS, most, if not all, rivers, lakes, and streams inside MSB coastal zone are not considered coastal water, which is significantly different than the previous ACMP requirements; and

WHEREAS, the MSB Coastal Management Plan may no longer include policies that address the management of uses and activities located immediately adjacent to rivers, lakes, and streams, unless these waterbodies are inside a "designation"; and

WHEREAS, the State allows districts to create the following designations: recreation, tourism, major energy facilities, natural hazards, commercial fishing and seafood processing, and history and archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will be designating its coastal zone as a recreation and tourism use area, as the other designations do not address the need for management of uses and activities along freshwater rivers, lakes, and streams; and

WHEREAS, the benefit of this designation allows for all development to be considered in the coastal zone just like under the current program and this designation is not a "zone" and does not limit uses to strictly recreation or tourism; and

WHEREAS, with the designation the Borough has input on development actions that require State or Federal permits; and

WHEREAS, the Point MacKenzie AMSA is not included in the Recreation and Tourism Designation; and

WHEREAS, the Point MacKenzie AMSA will be designated a Major Energy Facility which supports already adopted plans for development and with this designation the Borough has input on development actions that require State or Federal permits; and

WHEREAS, the benefit to designating the Point MacKenzie AMSA a Major Energy Facility is that Point MacKenzie is currently the Borough's major industrial area, it is a potential location for major energy facilities and supporting infrastructure, and the Borough will continue to have a local input into development decisions; and

WHEREAS, there will not be any changes to the extent of the existing coastal management zone boundary or the Point MacKenzie AMSA boundary, as boundary changes are not allowed by the State at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has circulated the draft plan amendment for public review and comment in accordance with State law at 11 AAC 114.345; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has considered all comments and resolutions received during the public review and comment period, and has incorporated any necessary changes in the draft plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the public participation in the plan amendment process helps ensure that the plan reflects the attitudes and values of the local residents regarding use of the district's coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the information contained within the district plan and the public participation effort also provides important documentation of local usage relating to coastal uses and resources that are of unique concern to the district; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission held public hearings on April 18 and May 16, 2005, to receive comments on the public review draft and on January 9, 2006, to receive comments on the final draft plan amendment and finds, based on public comment, that it is in the best interest of the district to grant concept approval of the plan; and

WHEREAS, State law at 11 AAC 114.345(c 4) requires that a transition amendment to a district plan be submitted to the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources with a resolution from the local government; and

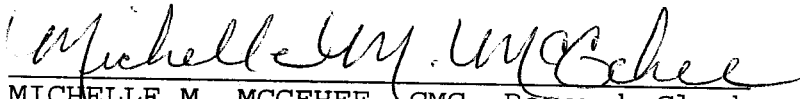
WHEREAS, the coastal management plan amendment must be submitted to the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources by March 1, 2006

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly authorizes submittal of the revised MSB Coastal Management Plan to the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources for purposes of meeting the statutory deadline.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day
of February, 2006.


TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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Colver, and Vehrs